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Message from the President

It is a great honour to have been asked to be OLS President this year. To be the first female president in the history of The Leys is a real privilege. I have been very touched by the support I have received. I joined The Leys as a boarder in the Sixth Form in 1986. This was the third year of girls entering the school. Having come from an all-girls day school, arriving at a school with 400+ boys and only 30 girls was quite something! My two years were some of the happiest years of my life. The confidence the school gave me and the opportunities I was given have shaped my life ever since. After The Leys, I went on to Oxford Brookes University to read Education and French. Teaching was always what I dreamed of doing and I feel very lucky that I have been in education ever since. I spent an amazing three years teaching in Nairobi, Kenya and then I was drawn back to Cambridge. I have been teaching at St John's College School since 1997. Over the past six years, I have been a governor of The Leys, and it has been a real privilege to see the other side of teaching. I am full of admiration for all the staff at The Leys. The education the pupils receive is second to none, the pastoral care exceptional and the range of wider curriculum activities on offer hugely impressive.

It seems quite apt that, in my year as OLS President, my son Nico is about to embark on his secondary education at The Leys. My father, Chris Cooper (North B 1953–58) also went to the School. I look forward to meeting many of you in the year ahead and welcoming you back to The Leys.

Julia Clarke, Granta 1986–88
President



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Edwin Sadd (West 1967–72) with his family at the Assynt Reunion

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Max Rains, School 2003–08

“After leaving The Leys in 2008, I studied French and Politics at Oxford Brookes. Following graduation, I moved to Chamonix in the French Alps, and I have lived there for eight years. Living in a snowsports mecca, my winters are made up of skiing, tartiflette, fondue, snowy dog walks and apres-ski. Summer free time is filled with hiking, climbing, running, road biking and tennis as well as the odd dip down in Annecy Lake. To fund this lifestyle, I have worked as a Purchasing Manager for TUI for 5 years, working across France, Switzerland, Andorra, and Norway, buying accommodation on behalf of Crystal Ski. Now, as a Knight Frank partner I help potential buyers find their ideal holiday home or permanent residence in the Chamonix Valley and further afield. I can be reached at max@mountain-base.com.”



OL Updates

Lucy Sales, Moulton/Dale 2000–07

In January 2022, I became a Governor of The Leys and St Faith's Schools Foundation. Being an existing member of the Old Leysian Society Committee and the Old Leysian Benevolent Fund Committee, I felt I wanted to do more to help shape the experience of future pupils to ensure they come away from their time at The Leys with memories as happy as mine. I have been working in the pharmaceutical industry for the past decade, most recently as an Associate Director of Global Compliance for AstraZeneca. I am also a Trustee for the Cambridge Cancer Help Centre and an Independent Member of the Joint Audit



Committee for the Cambridgeshire Constabulary. It's great to be able to use my corporate experience to benefit the local community, which I look forward to doing with The Leys.

Alex Hofford, School 1980–86

Since 2005, Alex has developed a career as an environmental campaigner with an impressive track record in organising and leading important campaigns for change in some of the most challenging parts of the world. Alex was based in Hong Kong for over 20 years, where he led a high-profile movement to ban the city's rampant shark fin trade. He convinced major hotels and restaurants to stop serving shark fin soup, as well as scores of airlines and container shipping lines to stop carrying this egregious product. Alex also spearheaded an extremely effective campaign to ban the Hong Kong ivory trade. He is an accomplished and persuasive communicator and resourceful, strategic and innovative organiser with a global network of top-level contacts in the environmental sphere. Alex is also a professional

photojournalist whose work covering environmental and human rights issues across Asia has been published by leading international newspapers and magazines. Alex returned to the UK with his wife and two children in 2019 and has been protecting sharks by combatting European Union overfishing as a consultant for environmental groups WildAid and Shark Guardian ever since.



Tom Steed, School 2015–20

“In August I was fortunate enough to be selected for the National Youth Theatre (NYT). After an online audition process, I completed their Senior Intake Course at the Royal & Derngate Theatre in Northampton over an intense three-week period, three of the most challenging yet rewarding weeks I have ever experienced. Each group was given its own director who shared their unique experience and expertise from the industry. Our focus was primarily on impulse and working as an ensemble rather than individual script work. This involved aspects of acting, singing, and dancing, clowning, mindfulness, and learning new skills from workshops on Shakespeare. On our last two days, we were able to present a piece of devised work in front of NYT associates and other course members. Going forward, we

have opportunities to be involved in their productions and their extensive career pathways.

The intense nature of the course was physically and emotionally demanding. However, it provided such a valuable insight into the theatre industry, which left me completely inspired. I made fantastic friendships, developed new skills, and learnt a great deal about myself. We were pushed out of our comfort zones and urged to let go of any insecurities. I am incredibly grateful for my experience and hope to



Tom is crouching, far right

continue working with NYT. For anyone considering a career in this wonderful industry, whether that be acting, producing, or the technical side of things, I thoroughly recommend getting involved with NYT.”

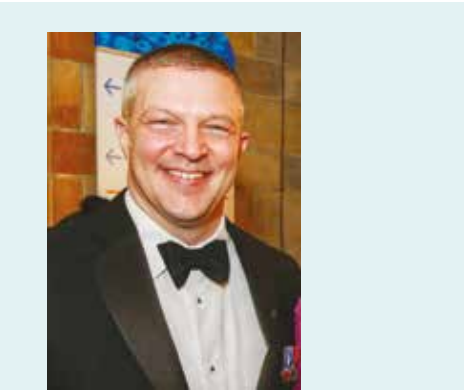
Hannah Tan, Dale 2010–15

“Whilst visiting friends in Cambridge, I was ritually applying for jobs every morning and found an incredible job advertised for an accounting role. Having applied for jobs in numerous cities in the UK, I had not considered moving back to Cambridge and decided to go for it! September 6th was my first day at BCS Accounting and every day presents new challenges and opportunities to learn and expand my skillset. I also had no idea I would be working for fellow OL David O’Farrell (North B 1981–86). I am thoroughly enjoying my new adventure back where I spent my teens.”



Guy Upton, Barrett 1993–98

Guy completed his BSc in Computer Science at Newcastle in 2021. He is presently working at Featurespace, a software company that uses artificial intelligence and machine-learning in fraud detection and prevention. This includes solutions to card payment and money laundering fraud.



Andrew Ranson, East 1986–91

has been commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

THE OLD SCHOOL TIE

I remember Neil White (Common Room 1948–82) rushing into the classroom just as the bell sounded. Drawing fiercely on a cigarette and blowing the smoke away with his gown, he declared: “Those clever ones in the A stream may have professional careers, but you lot in 4C will go into trade and make more money.” Nevertheless, I left school in 1953 with no career in mind, then fate pushed me into the building trade. Business was successful, and I soon branched out. I was invited to invest in a factory, then a foundry. Our proposed building would just fit onto our site if we kept tight within our boundaries. We set out the building very carefully, but unfortunately the steel erectors were not so diligent, and, unbeknown to me, the building encroached on my neighbour’s land by four inches.

Phillip Bradford, the owner of an adjacent property, arrived on site. He measured the land and confirmed that we had encroached on his property by four inches. He wanted my building demolished. In desperation, playing

for time, I suggested we meet at his office. He agreed but warned me that he wouldn’t budge, not even by four inches.

I recall my suspense while waiting in Mr Bradford’s boardroom. What would Neil White think of this? I waited and worried and waited some more. Finally, Mr Bradford entered the room. As he approached, my eyes drifted to a familiar tie around his neck.

“Is that an Old Leysian tie?” I asked hopefully.

“Yes, it is!” Mr Bradford replied pleasantly.

When I told him I was an OL too, this caused an immediate change. Mr Bradford reversed his position, made the adjustments to the title deeds, and gave me a vehicular right of way over his property to improve access for our office block. Five decades later, I reflect on that meeting and what it says about our OL community. Then as now, OLs go out of their way to support each other in difficult

situations. The OL Tie certainly worked for me that day!

John B Sully East 1950–53



OLS HELPING REFUGEES ESCAPE WAR IN UKRAINE

Since the outbreak of war in Ukraine, Olessia Alexeeva Bean (Dale 1995–99) and Ania Morrison (Dale 1996–2001) have been working tirelessly to help refugees escape to safety, including Olessia’s own mother. Ania describes how their humanitarian efforts began.

“I had not seen Olessia for almost ten years – not since she stood witness at my wedding in Greece in the summer of 2012. Over the next ten years we were always in touch but never in the same country. I never could have imagined that the next time I would see her would be in such circumstances.

We had met in Dale House at the beginning of the 1996/97 school year. I had joined in Year 9, and Olessia was in Year 11. We became very close friends from the very beginning – a friendship which has lasted for over 25 years.

On February 24th of this year, as soon as I heard that Russia had launched an attack on Ukraine, I called Olessia in London to find her shocked, her eyes glued to the TV screen and on the other line to her mother who was in Kharkiv – one of the first cities to be attacked. Knowing Olessia so many years, I have always admired her for her courage and strength, but for the first time ever, I could hear fear in her voice as she asked me, “Ania, how can we get my mum out of Kharkiv?” I did not know. I had no idea. How do you get a person out of a war zone?”

Please read more [here](#) about the journey of Olessia’s mother and humanitarian efforts of Ania, Olessia, and the wider Leys community to help refugees of this conflict.



Ania and Olessia together at Ania's wedding in 2012

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Tom Farquhar, Moulton/
School 2002–09 and Harriet
Boulton, Dale 2004–07

were married on Saturday 18 September 2021 in Abington Pigotts, South Cambridgeshire. “We were incredibly lucky to have a beautiful sunny September day. The ceremony took place in the village church and was followed by a reception with all our family and friends in a lovely old barn in the village.” Tom is now a qualified architect and Hattie is working in public health research at the MHRA.



Henry Milward,
School 2001–06

Henry Milward and his wife, Aoife, welcomed their third child, a son named Cuileán Haris in November 2021. Henry and his family live in the County Cork countryside.

CONGRATULATIONS

Will Hooley, Barker 2007–12

“My wife, Molly, and I got married on 16 August 2021 down in Exeter, Devon in the beautiful surroundings of Broadclyst Church and Rockbeare Manor. Plenty of Old Leysians attended, and we felt very lucky to be able to have the wedding we wished for with no Covid restrictions in place. We are enjoying married life, although pushing back our honeymoon to 2022. We have moved to San Diego, California as I have taken up the incredible opportunity to play for San Diego Legion in the Major League Rugby tournament in America. I continue to represent the USA in the bid to go to another Rugby World Cup in 2023.”



Will Waldock, Bisseker 2010–15

Will is pleased to announce his engagement to Sophie Barnes whom he met at a friend's wedding. The couple plan to marry in April. This is happy news amidst sadness at the passing of Will's mother, Elizabeth, on 14 October 2021, a daughter of Rev. Major Stanley W. Doggett (North B 1922–26) and a devoted supporter of The Leys. Will enjoys this connection with his maternal grandfather, both North B and Hawks Club alumni. Above all the fantastic opportunities Will enjoyed at The Leys, he is most grateful for the Ichthus Society led by Mr Barton.



Dan Cattermole, West 1995–99

Oscar Cattermole was born on 26 July 2021, and he is very much adored by his older sister, Amelie. Dan continues to serve in the Army and is due to take up his final appointment as a WO1 Foreman of Signals at the Royal School of Signals in Blandford Forum.



Matthew Bellis, North B/School
2001–06

Matt and Geeta Bellis got married at Ely Cathedral in August 2021. Chris Colgate (North B 2001–03) was the best man. The wedding guests included Matt's grandparents, Bertie Bellis (Headmaster 1975–86) and his wife Joan.

COMMON ROOM UPDATES

Congratulations to **Karen Northrop**, School House Matron 2013–present, who remarried on 2 July 2021 on the Brighton Bandstand. Her husband Mark is a long-distance lorry driver. Between them, Karen and Mark have three daughters, two sons called Daniel, and five grandchildren. Their youngest grandchild, Lizzie Katalin, was born a week before their wedding. Karen's name has now changed to **Allsebrook**.



Alexandra Annett, CR 2017–present, is happy to announce the arrival of Conor, born on 21 July 2021.

ASSYNT – at last!



Ardreck Castle on Loch Assynt

The unique rugged beauty of Assynt, on the borders of Sutherland and Wester Ross, has captured the imagination of generations of Leysians. For many of us associated with Scouts or the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the north-west Highlands hold a special place. In the 1960s a pattern of Scout camps was set.

During the autumn half-term, students had their qualifying expedition in the Lake District. During the Easter holidays, another camp was offered on a voluntary basis, alternating between Scotland and Snowdonia. Old Leysians were welcomed back to join these camps and help to lead daily expeditions. This tradition ceased in 1990 upon the retirement of Richard Armstrong (CR, 59–90), but every four years our group returns to Assynt for a reunion camp. After two postponements, the most recent Assynt Reunion took place in September 2021, bringing together 19 Old Leysians and their family members.

As was to be expected, the weather was mixed. In one twenty-four hours the temperature dropped from 19 to 9C. Of course, there was rain, but it blew through quickly when it came. Between us we conquered all the main peaks and several less-climbed peaks such as Breabag and Ben Stack. Some of us stayed lower down and enjoyed walking to the Point of Stoer, the Falls of Kirkaig, Sandwood Bay, and the Gelncanisp-Elphin trail. The lochs, woods and seacliffs were bereft of wildlife as migrant

species had gone and winter visitors had yet to arrive, but we had close encounters with ptarmigans on the heights, a small flock of snow buntings at Sandwood Bay, a lazy seal from Inverewe pier and red deer at the Lodge at dusk. Those walking below were aware of those climbing above as the Assynt WhatsApp group exchanged their photos in real time.

Everyone chipped in with cooking. We enjoyed lasagne, tuna bake, chilli con carne, the inevitable Harding curry and the Sadds' Middle Eastern delights. Evenings provided an opportunity for endless reminiscence and the James family presented photographic shows, with Richard Pattison adding his wildlife pictures from the Antarctic. One person who figured in all the tales and photos was sadly absent: Richard Armstrong wasn't well enough to come. With no Lowdens either, this was a sorry Assynt first.

These are the people who made it: Chris Bliss (E73-77), Nigel Gibbons (W72-77), Nick Goldsmith (F74-79), Simon Ekins (F74-79), Jean (CR77-03) and John (CR68-05) Harding,



John and Jean Harding with George Sadd



Chris Bliss and Jamie Watson enjoy the view

Simon James (W69-74) and his son, Matthew, James Long (W09-14), (already on his fourth Assynt camp!), Ian McNab (S78-83), Richard Pattison (A75-80), Eddy Sadd (W67-72), his wife Gail and their three children, Emma, Clare and Ben, George Sadd (W68-73), Jamie Watson (W73-77), and Ian Winfrey (B73-77).

As Richard Armstrong was unable to attend this year's Reunion, many people gathered at his home on November 27 to give him an Assynt lunch. He showed slides of past camps and Simon James showed photos and videos of the recent Reunion. Of the 23 people who came, many had been on the September Reunion. OLS attending who hadn't been there were: Robert Brigham (S67-71), Mark Buckingham (S81-86), Andy Churchill (W72-77), Stephen Lowden (W62-66), Duncan Mackay (E67-72), Howard Papworth (A69-74) and Nigel Yarwood (W64-69).

John Harding
Common Room 1968–2005



Simon James with his son Matthew and Gail Sadd

“Our teachers at The Leys allowed us to experience many wild places and imbued us with a love of the outdoors. They taught us how to rise above inclement weather and adversity and work together for the common good. We left The Leys with a bond that unites us in our love of Assynt. At these special reunions, we relive past experiences, forge new friendships, walk familiar routes and explore new ones. Long may it continue.” **Edwin Sadd, West 1967–72**



John Harding at the Point of Stoer



Ian McNab fashions an alpine horn from plastic tubing

Community Fund



THE GREAT OUTDOORS WITH ROWAN

Rowan is a Cambridge charity providing an arts centre and forest school for more than 80 adults with learning disabilities. One of the highlights of their calendar is the annual art exhibition, the third of which was held one sunny February weekend, sponsored by the Community Fund.

The theme was The Great Outdoors, with canvases from Rowan students, professional artists, and pupils from local schools. Fifteen Leys students also took part, with thanks to Ms Battison who helped guide and support the pupils. As well as the main exhibition there was a silent auction featuring renowned artists from around the UK and music



Rowan exhibition artwork

from local musicians. All the canvases were displayed anonymously, and it was wonderful to see so many interpretations of the theme side-by-side, creating intriguing connections between the works of art. We are hoping The Leys and the Community Fund can take part in and support this great event again next year.



Elisabeth, a student at Rowan

CARING FOR OUR CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY

Thanks to the generosity of Old Leysians and parents alike, in 2021 we were able to increase our support for the local community through the launch of the Community Fund.

The Community Fund made grants to thirteen projects during its pilot period in 2021, and a further 14 projects between September and Christmas. The projects covered all aspects of life, from food hampers for families facing holiday hunger, to computing equipment for a debt advice charity, to travel bursaries for LGBTQ+ young people to access support groups.



Stoneyholme pupil with donated iPad

“The Leys Connection is proud to support the Community Fund with their initiative supporting charitable projects in the local community. It is fabulous to see how much has already been achieved.

We look forward to continuing to support the Community Fund with fundraising opportunities and assisting with practical volunteer support.” Emma Preston, Leys parent



BRINGING TOGETHER THE LEYS COMMUNITY AND THE CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY

One local group who received a Community Fund grant are Cogwheel Counselling, who were founded in 1988 to provide those in need with counselling support regardless of their income. In 2021, Cogwheel helped over 300 clients in 3,800 sessions. With the availability of counselling through the NHS very limited, those families and individuals who are financially disadvantaged have little hope of getting the timely support they need. Cogwheel seeks to help those who could not otherwise access counselling. The Community Fund has helped them establish the Counselling Support Fund, which allows those on very low incomes or on benefit to receive sessions at a reduced cost of £10. Currently about 25 people are benefiting from this, and can build the bond of trust with their counsellor knowing that they will be able to keep accessing help.

We are delighted that the Leys Connection are showing their support for the Community Fund by donating the proceeds of their social evenings, as well as actively seeking ways to give practical assistance.



© My Linh, Turtle Dove Cambridge

WORKING TOGETHER WITH TURTLE DOVE CAMBRIDGE

In October 2021, the Leys Connection and the Development Office hosted a wine tasting as a way for parents new to the School to meet others. It was a pleasure to welcome Mark Anstead from the Cambridgeshire Wine School to lead the evening, while the event was ably staffed by a team from Turtle Dove Cambridge. Turtle Dove is a social enterprise, founded to improve the future of young women in Cambridge at risk of unemployment or without a job. The young women they assist gain valuable experience in running and working at events, while also building their confidence and skills.

In early 2021, the Community Fund made a grant to Turtle Dove to help them buy

smart new uniforms. We were delighted to also provide practical assistance alongside this by hiring Turtle Dove to staff the wine tasting – in their new uniforms! – and their team did a fantastic job. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Kate Nation, the social enterprise's Co-Founder and Managing Director, described the uniforms as a “game changer” in terms of the professional service they can offer, and we hope to be able to work with them again in the future.



Spotlight on Gloria Diamond

Barker, 2010–12



As a student at The Leys, Gloria Diamond decided to join the Model United Nations club. Twelve years later, she works for the United Nations, leading policy, advocacy and research projects for the advancement of girls' education globally. Sharing her journey from The Leys, Gloria reflects on the value of education and her commitment to gender equality.

Girls' education unlocks extraordinary potential. What inspired your dedication to this important issue?

My parents always instilled in me the value of education, and its potential to transform people's lives and opportunities. As a teenager, I learned more about the injustice and powerlessness that so many women and girls around the world experience. The Leys helped me

to strengthen my communication skills and believe in myself. I also studied A-Level French, one of the UN's official languages, and let my UN aspirations play out in the Model United Nations club. One of my teachers, Mr Leader, inspired a genuine joy and curiosity for learning that I carried with me to university and beyond.

Tell us about your journey from The Leys to advocating for girls' education at the UN.

The journey was not always smooth, but my family supported and encouraged me to persevere. After my A-Levels, I went to St. Andrews University to study French and Arabic. I then started an internship at CAMFED – Campaign for Female Education, which supports girls' education and empowerment in Africa. This internship was followed by four months in Togo, West Africa with the International Citizen Service leading a team of volunteers to complete projects on youth employment, health, and education. I returned to study for an MSc in



Learners take part in an UNGEI-affiliated pilot project in Zimbabwe to end gender-based violence in schools

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Teachers in Zimbabwe declare their support as part of an UNGEI-affiliated pilot project to end gender-based violence in schools

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Development Management at the London School of Economics and worked for the World Health Organization to help build a global policy database on Reproductive, Maternal, Adolescent, Newborn and Child Health. From there, I started my current role at the UN Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI).

What is your current project at the UN Girls' Education Initiative?

The UN Girls' Education Initiative, hosted by UNICEF, is the only multilateral entity committed to girls' education and gender equality. A partnership of 40+ organizations around the world, UNGEI implements gender-responsive education on the ground and is also the global platform for advocacy on gender-responsive education.

I am presently leading a joint research project on gender, disability and education. Girls with disabilities are one of the most marginalised groups when it comes to education; however, their experiences are often excluded in education policies and data collection. We hope to change that!

The Covid-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented disruption to education for children. What are UNGEI's concerns for learners in low-income countries?

During the pandemic, many children did not have access to quality remote education, and the resulting economic downturn and cuts to international aid have squeezed already limited national education budgets. Lessons from the Ebola epidemic in West Africa suggest that girls are facing an increased risk of child marriage, gender-based violence and school drop-out in the aftermath of this pandemic. My greatest concern is a long-term rollback on global progress for girls' education and gender equality.

What advice would you give young Leysians wishing to pursue a similar career path?

There is a lot of pressure, and unrealistic expectations, around landing your dream job straightaway. You might – but you also might work and intern in different organisations before the right role at the right organisation comes up. Your passion is your power. Let it drive your determination to find your place in the organisations and networks that are making a difference.

The first Leys Giving Day

We celebrated the inaugural Leys Giving Day on 23–24 March, connecting The Leys worldwide



Around the World

The Leys Community joined in by baking cakes, getting involved on social media, and supporting the Gift of Education and House charities. Over 200 donations were made on the day, raising over £22,000 for the Gift of Education bursary campaign and around £4,000 for the House charities.

A series of challenges held throughout the day encouraged people to donate. The day opened with Alex Wong (Fen 1986–91) and the Lipskiy family generously matching the first £3,000 donated pound-for-pound. When 10 members of the Leys Community worldwide made a gift, Eni Njoku (North A

1966–68) kindly donated £500, and it was amazing to see gifts coming in from Hong Kong to Canada, Australia to the USA, via Belgium, Poland and elsewhere.

Nigel Washbourn (West 1951–55), a Gift of Education ambassador, also very kindly made a donation to encourage those who had never given before to make a gift. 51 people generously donated for the first time.

OLs and parents also took part by baking Leys-themed treats, including muffins in California, a classic Victoria sponge from Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, and a delicious chocolate and coconut cake from Singapore. Leys parent Ana Cerdeño-

Tárraga, founder of the HoneyShed Bakery, also kindly baked a beautiful sponge to celebrate the day, which was raffled and won by a lucky Fen pupil!

At The Leys

A celebratory atmosphere was in the air at The Leys on 23 March, with a non-uniform day and delicious Leys-themed cakes at lunch. Leonardo and the catering team did a brilliant job producing hundreds of tasty cupcakes, which quickly disappeared at lunchtime. The Houses also got involved baking, with Granta and North A raising over £100 for their Lenten Giving charities with a bake sale on the day.



The beautiful cake donated by Leys parent Ana Cerdeño-Tárraga

In the afternoon we had a display about Lenten Giving from each House, explaining the impact of their chosen charity and the House fundraising efforts throughout the year. Over £2,000 was raised in advance of the Giving Day from school-wide events like

a hot chocolate sale from Barrett, the Fen Bingo Night, and the Dale Quiz. On 23 March itself, pupils, guests, and Gift of Education ambassadors learnt about all eleven House charities, as well as the different volunteering activities pupils enjoy. Students do a whole range of volunteering, including maths tutoring at a local primary school, helping at Oxfam and Scope, and visiting residents at Ditchburn Place, a sheltered housing scheme in Cambridge.

After a reception for guests, supporters, and pupils who had made a special effort to help with the day, the doors opened for our evening extravaganza: a singalong showing of *The Greatest Showman*. Mr Howe was our compere for the evening, warming up the audience with panache before the lights were dimmed and the curtains drawn back. The audience sang along with real gusto and a great evening was had by all.

Looking ahead

Thank you to everyone who took part in making the first Leys Giving Day such a success.

The money raised for the Gift of Education will go directly towards transformative bursaries at The Leys. These 110% bursaries ensure not only that fees are met, but also cover additions such as the school uniform, a school trip every year, music lessons, and travel to and from school each term.

The Leys partners with the Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation to identify children who will benefit from the unique opportunities offered by a boarding school education. These children come from backgrounds of social or financial disadvantage, and we are committed to helping them achieve their full potential.

The Giving Day helped spread the word about this life-changing campaign, and we are delighted that so many members of the Leys Community decided to support the initiative.

Please see a video of the day here. Thank you to everyone who took part.



Millie Papworth
Senior Development Officer



The Headmaster's dog Olive says thanks

The Catering Department made Leys cupcakes



Pupils having fun at the evening event



Pupils enjoy the Lenten Giving display in the Old Gym

Spotlight on Emma Crawshaw

Granta, 1989–91

Emma Crawshaw (Granta, 1989–91) found her passion for social justice as a student at The Leys. She now works as an activist and educator for Crew 2000 Scotland, a charity that reduces the harms associated with drug use.

What inspired you to begin working with those affected by drug use and addiction?

It began with a prayer led by the Reverend Burgess (CR 1987–2001) in the Chapel, an appeal to “God, to whom all human hearts are open, and all desires are known”. At the time, I was deeply affected by a family member’s addiction and the shame and stigma that made seeking help seem insurmountable. But Reverend Burgess’ words that day made me realise that I was not alone.

How did a Leysian education prepare you?

I came to The Leys thanks to an exhibition award. As a student, I became acutely aware of how privileged I was to be there, and how economic and social inequality create barriers to opportunity. The Leys taught me to think critically about justice and the ways I could help others.

Tell us about your journey after The Leys and what led you to Crew 2000?

I started volunteering at an anti-racist women’s community centre and gained a post-graduate qualification in Community Education. I then went on to work with young homeless people at Streetwork. I was aware of Crew 2000 from seeing the team, their harm reduction literature, and their sound system at events, and recognised them



as the best source of harm reduction advice about drugs used in recreational settings, so when a post came up, I applied straight away.

Crew 2000 Scotland exists to reduce drug harms and stigma, improving people’s mental and physical health without judgement. Unlike most mainstream drug services which focus on opiate drugs like heroin, we focus on drugs taken in recreational settings. We neither condemn nor condone drug-taking: we know there are evidence-based interventions which can reduce harm. We’ve grown from a purely volunteer or ‘peer’-led organisation to a mixed professional and volunteer team, which provides blood borne virus testing, pregnancy testing, welfare and crisis support at nightclubs, music festivals and dance music events, and counselling for people who want to reduce, stabilise, or stop drug use.

Scotland is on the frontline of battling drug addictions in Europe. What are the challenges of your specific environment?

Scotland’s drug-related deaths are the highest in Europe and among the highest in the world per head of population. People experiencing the most inequality are 18 times more likely to lose their lives to drugs compared to people experiencing the least inequality. Most people coming to harm from drugs have also had multiple, significant adverse childhood experiences, such as neglect, violence, or the loss of one or more parent, and lived in adverse environments which might be affected by poverty, discrimination, or poor-quality housing.

In addition to this, stigma and shame remain some of the biggest barriers to people accessing help, for families affected by a loved one’s drug taking, as well as for people who take drugs. This is changing, thanks to people in recovery and families coming together to support each other and calling for change and the specific focus on challenging stigma.

What additional challenges were created by the Covid pandemic?

The lack of human contact and connection caused by the pandemic was extremely challenging for everyone. At Crew, we created online services including counselling, and contributing harm reduction information to livestreamed quarantine dance events, which worked well if people had access to Wi-Fi, data and phones or computers. We recognised that digital poverty was a barrier to maintaining access and are about to launch Young People Leading Digital Change, a project which will support young people to develop our digital offer as well as providing free data and basic communication equipment to the most deprived young people.



Emma Crawshaw and her Crew 2000 team complete the Total Warrior challenge

What was your best day at Crew 2000?

The day after we completed training in opioid overdose response administering Naloxone, a life-saving medication, a young person came into our Drop-in and collapsed, showing signs of overdose. A team member was able to reverse the overdose immediately and may well have saved the young person’s life. Another thing that shows me our work has created positive change is when people come to say thanks for helping them at a festival or an event and then show us how they and their friends are practising harm reduction and looking after each other

My best day is whenever I witness someone who has struggled with addiction or harmful drug use achieving the lasting changes they want to make: someone keeping their job, keeping their family together, reaching the stage where they themselves are supporting other people who are still struggling.



Crew 2000 offers DJ workshops for young people who want to learn a new skill

What advice would you give young Leysians wishing to enter your field?

I’d encourage people who are interested to research volunteering or work experience opportunities with charities whose mission and impact inspires them. Every charity should provide good quality training and support and the opportunity to learn ‘hands on’. Everyone has something completely unique to offer.

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Crew 2000’s committed and enthusiastic team is at the heart of their success

Obituaries

To read the full version of these obituaries, please visit the school website. If you do not have access to the internet or a computer and would like a printed document, please contact the Development Office at 01223 508545.

Lenton Allpress, School 1948–54

on 18 November 2021

Simon Marsden Baker, West 1951–56

on 29 June 2021

Simon was the youngest of three brothers who attended The Leys, as did his father and two sons. He enjoyed his time at school, captaining an undefeated 1st XI Hockey team in 1956 and keeping wicket for the 1st XI where he excelled at standing up to medium pace bowlers to stump unwary batsmen, often down the more difficult leg side. He was a School prefect. Subsequently he maintained a lifelong interest in all matters Leysian where many enduring friendships were forged. Following school he did National Service, playing Hockey for the Royal Navy in 1957. His training in engineering lead him into a career as managing director of Cowans Sheldon, the crane makers based in Carlisle.

In his spare time all manner of engineering projects abounded, not least the restoration of a water-powered corn mill which became the family home in Cumbria. He had a gift for developing natural water supplies and developed numerous spring and borehole water supplies for farmers. He was keen on classic cars, particularly the MGAs of which he had a collection. He also pursued pigeon racing, with notable success in the longer races from Nantes and Rennes. As the holder of a private pilot's licence, he once flew two elderly veterans of the club through the Tebay gap so they could have a pigeon's eye view of the route! It was particularly



Simon Marsden Baker

fitting that a basket of pigeons was released at his funeral to the music of 'Fly me to the Moon!' Simon's other main interests were shooting and fishing, especially trout fishing in Argyll on Loch Awe where he fished for over seventy years. Simon loved traditional British customs, following all manner of sport. He was a much-loved father, grandfather, and husband to his wife Fiona for 58 years.

Words by Matthew Baker, West 1981–86

Brian Keith Buckler, West 1952–57

on 16 April 2020

Brian Keith Buckler passed away from Covid while recovering from a successful hip operation. Brian was in the Queen's Troop Royal Horse Artillery based in London at St. John's Wood Barracks for his National Service. Always a keen horseman, Brian was one of the lead riders for the ceremonial displays at The Royal Tournament. Brian then went to Seal-Hayne Agricultural College and became a farm manager near Marlborough. Brian's wife Rosemary was the sister of Peter, North A 1955–60 and Michael, North A 1958–63 Nott and continued her work in catering. Sadly, Rosemary died a few weeks before Brian.

Anthony Burbidge, West 1947–51

on 13 January 2022

Anthony Edward Leader Burbidge, Tony to his friends, was born in London in 1933. Tony was sent to Great Walstead School for boys, considered a safe place for youngsters during the Blitz. He was accused of pouring sugar into the school's electricity generator to avoid prep, though he maintained his innocence until recently. Around this time, Tony looked overhead and saw one of the first doodlebugs, the German V-1 cruise missile, flying over Sussex to London. In 1947, Tony attended The Leys. He was very happy there and no suspicious incidents with the generator occurred. Tony's National Service



Anthony Burbidge

commenced in 1951, and he was sent to the Korean War to serve in the Royal Artillery as a Bombardier. He received the Korean Medal for his military service, and he was a devout supporter of the Sussex British Korean Veterans Association on his return. Tony became a Lieutenant in the Territorial Army, serving 257 Queen's Battery, progressing to the rank of Major and receiving the Territorial Decoration in 1968. In his civilian life, he joined Lloyds of London Insurance as a marine underwriter and continued until his retirement in 1991. Tony was a thoughtful, generous, and caring man.

Words by Jim Stone, edited from his funeral eulogy

Eric Cockeram, East 1938–41

on 25 December 2021

My father was the first of five of the Cockeram family who attended The Leys. His time in Cambridge was interrupted by the evacuation to Pitlochry during the war whilst nearby Addenbrookes Hospital expanded into the school premises. After many happy days in Scotland, he was immediately commissioned into the Army and, at the age of 19, was part of the Gloucestershire Regiment's landing on Gold Beach on D-Day. He was then part of the first Allied formation to take Bayeux and to hold the line ahead of the advance to take Paris. He was later wounded and flown back to England on what was his first international flight.

After the war, he joined the family menswear business, Watson Prickard Ltd in Liverpool. Having built it up as Managing Director, he was Chairman between 1966 and 2001. He became the youngest Chairman of the Menswear Association of Britain.

In June 1970, he was elected MP for Bebington and Ellesmere Port as part of the Ted Heath government. Indeed, I recall meeting the future Prime Minister on the Headmaster's lawn when he happened to visit The Leys on the day the General Election had been called. Eric quickly rose through the ranks and soon became the Personal Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. He was later MP for Ludlow in Margaret Thatcher's first two governments.

Eric was very influential across Liverpool's commercial and civic life. He was a JP, the youngest Chairman of Liverpool's Round Table, a Director of Liverpool & Midshires Building Society, the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board and the TSB. He also became a Governor of the United Liverpool Hospitals and Chairman of the area's NHS Executive Council.



Eric Cockeram

As Dad reminded us, "To be born a gentleman is an accident, to die as one is an achievement". With thanks from our family to The Leys School for helping my father to prove as such.

Words by James Cockeram, Fen 1968–73

P.J. Cockeram, West 1948–52

on 30 October 2021

John Geoffrey Collins, North B 1946–50

on 22 December 2021

John Geoffrey Collins died, aged 90, on 22 December 2021 in Ilkley, surrounded by his loving family after several months of deteriorating health.



John Geoffrey Collins

Born in Yorkshire, where he lived his whole life, John attended The Leys from 1946–50 where he shared a study with J.G. Ballard and remained a life-long Old Leysian. He was a very proud member of both North House B and School cricket teams, and the team photos took pride of place on his study wall for the rest of his life. He also really appreciated return visits to the school by himself and his family, playing Old Leysian Golf competitions and attending dinners. He was very pleased to receive a birthday card from the school on the event of becoming a nonagenarian. After finishing his schooling, he went on to obtain a Bachelor of Commerce (with Accountancy) Degree at Leeds University and then completed his professional qualifications to become a Chartered Accountant. This led him into a career in the local textile industry, working for Illingworth Morris for many years, latterly as Estates Manager. One of the highlights of his career in 1987 was selling Sir Titus Salt's New Mill to the late Jonathan Silver, who developed the building into the renowned 1853 Gallery where many of David Hockney's works are displayed.

Upon retirement John continued to have a full and active life, engaging in his varied hobbies of walking travel, family history and sport. A true gentleman, John maintained a varied and active social life and on his 90th birthday described the secret of a long life as "good, clean living and fresh air".

Michael Frankland Good, North B 1957–60

on 13 January 2022

Michael was much loved by all who knew him. He served as a Major in the territorial army and Mayor of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Peter Lucas Grice, East 1983–88

on 22 November 2021

'Pete' joined The Leys from St Faith's and was awarded a Music Exhibition. He made an outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school in the Orchestra, Senior Band, Chapel Brass, Senior Brass, Chapel Choir, Senior Wind Ensemble and in rock concerts. He also played the menacing character Wilson in the studio production of *Ruffian on the Stair* by Joe Orton, and he made an impact as a clay pigeon marksman as part of the A team that won the British Championship in 1986. Pete became an accomplished guitar player.

After leaving school, many tales of epic nights in local watering holes such as *The Exchange*, where Pete did a stint as a cocktail barman, are recalled with fondness and hilarity by his friends; one recalls how Pete's penchant for flamboyant shirts set him apart and made him always easy to find at the end of the night!

Pete was twice drawn to the uniformed services: the Army and the Police. In time, Pete enrolled at the University of Kent in the mid-1990s. It was here he met his wife, Kerry. They settled in Dunmow where they had four children together, Colette in 2002, Faith in 2006, Amelie in 2008 and Nate in 2012. Pete had always been keen on living by the sea and in 2016 the family moved to Gosport. Pete relished life on the coast and activities such as crabbing with the kids were pursued with great gusto.

Pete's career in project management included time at The John Lewis Partnership, where he was highly regarded, and in several technology companies where he managed complex, multimillion pound government and defence contracts. Pete's children were the centre of his world and his devotion to family and friends was unwavering. Pete was a very special son, husband, father and friend. He will be sorely missed by all those who knew him.

Words by Tim Criddle, School 1981–84, edited from his funeral eulogy



Colin Frank Halfpenny

Colin Frank Halfpenny, School 1940–45 on 7 March 2021

Colin was born in 1927 and brought up in Lichfield, Staffordshire. He and his brother Godfrey (Goff) spent the war years at The Leys when the school was evacuated to Atholl Palace, Pitlochry. These were times which he always remembered with fondness, having especially enjoyed camping and being a Patrol Leader. He liked to reminisce about winter sports, the frozen fountain, and how the King and Queen waved to the boys as the Royal train passed their camp in 1944. On leaving The Leys, Colin joined the Royal Navy where he was LRM Radio/Radar Mechanic until 1948.

After marrying in 1949, Colin and his wife Janet bought a caravan, and so he continued his love of camping, travelling throughout Europe until 2013.

In 1976 Colin and Janet both took advantage of the opportunity to further their studies which had been curtailed by the war. Colin studied at Leicester Polytechnic, where John Buttery (also an Old Leysian) was his tutor. He received his HDip qualification in 1980 when he joined the Society of Surveying Technicians and became local Chairman. From 1980 until his retirement in 1992, Colin was Plymouth University Estate Manager.

Nicolas Heffer, West 1950–55 on 19 August 2021

Nicholas Heffer sadly passed away in France where he had lived for the past 22 years. Following a degree in Economics at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, he qualified as a Chartered Accountant, working in London and Toronto.

In 1966, he joined the firm of W. Heffer and Sons Ltd, his family firm of Booksellers, Stationers and Printers, founded in 1876 by his great-grandfather. Initially Company

Secretary and Finance Director, he served as Chairman from 1984 until 1999 when the firm was sold to Blackwells of Oxford.

Nicholas was active in supporting a number of Cambridge institutions. He was Director and subsequently Chairman of the Cambridge Building Society and Director and later Vice-Chairman of the Cambridge Water Company until he retired in 1999. He was also an active member of the Cambridge Rotary Club.



Nicolas Heffer

Nicholas supported various trade initiatives, including being a member of the Book Tokens board (an offshoot of the Booksellers' Association) and its Chairman from 1995–99.

He loved his years living in France, enjoying views of the Pyrenees after the flatness of the Cambridge countryside. Equally, he loved to spend several weeks each year on the Norfolk coast where he had sailed since a boy. He spoke good French and was proud to have become the first foreign President of the Rotary Club of Limoux, a nearby town famous for its sparkling white wines. He delighted in the fact that both his and his wife Zillah's children chose to have their weddings in France.

Dr Khai Lam, North B 1980–85 on 13 December 2021



Khai Lam

Khai Lam was a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at Guys and St Thomas' Hospital. In 2009 he received *La Medaille d' Honneur* from *L'Etoile Europeane du Devoeuement Civil et Militaire* for his work in helping children with serious

spinal conditions, treating aircraft ejectee pilots with spinal injuries and developing novel spinal implants and technologies.

Peter Magill, Bursar 1990–22 died peacefully on 13 February 2022

Noel Page, North B 1956–61 sadly passed away on 17 February 2022

An obituary will appear in the next edition of *OL News*. To read the eulogy given by Ashley Silverton (Fen 1973-78) at the funeral, please visit the obituaries in the Old Leysian section of the website.

David Rishbeth, School 1962–66, Fen 1966–67 on 26 November 2021

David's lifelong love of theatre was awakened by working on The Leys' theatre with his housemaster Geoff Houghton, Common Room 1957–93, who became a dear friend. David's family miss his humour, advice, knowledge and, above all, his love.

Words by Moira Rishbeth

Graham Townsend, CR 1967–72 on 20 February 2022

Graham Townsend joined The Leys in 1967 to teach Maths, taking over briefly as Head of Department after David Edsall left. Whilst at The Leys he was in charge of cross-country in what was a vintage period. Howard Papworth, one of his star runners, writes: 'Most runners will remember him fondly for introducing us to the pleasure of running off road, away from the city on interesting and sometimes quite complicated routes through the Cambridgeshire countryside!' Other leading runners during his time were John Lowden, Robert Brigham and Piers Ranger. He left the School to become a lecturer at Brighton Polytechnic (subsequently the University of Brighton). He then changed his lifestyle completely, moving down to a farm outside Tiverton where he produced goat's cheese. Cruwys Morchard cheese established a national reputation.

Words by John Harding

Michael Francis Woods, North A 1946–52 on 10 November 2021

OL Sport



TOMMY DANN MEMORIAL MATCH

On Saturday 19th March, over 1,500 friends, family, colleagues, and students of Tommy gathered at Shelford Rugby Club for the Tommy Dann Memorial Rugby Match. The match was played between Old Leysians and Old Perseans, schools where Tommy was hugely respected and widely loved having coached at both. Tommy also played rugby for both Shelford RFC and Cambridge RFC and the fantastic turnout at his memorial match is testament to the number of lives he touched.

The rugby was played with true heart and spirit, re-igniting the historic sporting rivalry between The Leys and The Perse in a truly positive light. The well-matched sides went head-to-head for 80 minutes, with the Old Leysians claiming victory 19-12.

Over £10,000 was raised for the Jonny Wilkinson Charitable Foundation on the day, with further donations still to come. It was an event that Tommy would have relished and a fitting way to remember such a wonderful man.

Ed Fairey, Bisseker 2011–16



Tom Bailey carrying the ball, supported by L-R, Will Lawson, Ed Fairey and Chris Tapping

OLD LEYSIAN GOLFING SOCIETY

REPORT BY NIGEL WASHBOURN, WEST 1951–55

Grafton Morrish Finals – Hunstanton 1–3 October 2021

In the first round we played Nottingham, and in close matches we lost the vital one at the 18th. We then played in the Solihull Salver stableford and were 12th out of 24 schools. Millfield were the eventual winners, beating Malvern in the final. We appreciated support from Nick and Barbara Lloyd.

Our Team:

T.L. Williams and R.P. Skilton, S.D. Cooper and A.R.J. Smethers, C.C.B Turner and C.A. Holden

The Spring Meeting will be held at Royal Worlington Golf Club on Thursday 12 May, booking in from 8:00 a.m. Mark Elliott will be the Club Captain.

Senior Bernard Darwin (Over 65) 14–15 June 2022

In the first round we have drawn Winchester at Woking Golf Club on 14 June, play off at 9:40 a.m.

Veterans' Bernard Darwin (Over 75) 15 June 2022

We hope to field a team in the afternoon Stableford Foursomes Competition.

Bernard Darwin Trophy (Over 55) 30 June–1 July 2022

In the first round we have drawn Marlborough at Woking Golf Club on June 30th, play off at 9:40 a.m.

The OLGS webpage is updated with news and the 2022 fixtures [here](#). New members are very welcome. Please contact Nigel Washbourn at nwashbourn@btinternet.com.

Golfing at Grafton Morrish 2021



From the Archive

The Medical Centre



What follows is a short reflection based on a cursory review of *Handbooks* and *The Fortnightly*, to summarise the past, describe the current situation, and prompt recollections of your school days.

The current Covid-19 pandemic prompted me to wonder how the school has coped with similar events in the past, and about the medical provision for pupils in general. I imagine most Old Leysians will at some point during their school days, have had good reason to be grateful for the care they received in the Sanatorium/San/Medical Centre. Perhaps you only ever attended to try and get 'off games', or you refused, in case you were put 'off games', either way, you are unlikely to have escaped some contact with the Medical Centre. It may have been across the road in No.5 Brookside, in Old West House (now School House) or in its present location, in what was once the School Shop.

Soon after its foundation, the School was twice closed for a month or more when Scarletina (Scarlet Fever) was diagnosed; once in 1877 based on a single case and in 1890 based on five mild cases. While the boys were away, the site was thoroughly disinfected. This occurred near the end of a global pandemic of Scarletina, a feared childhood disease which killed up to 20% of those who caught it, so decisive measures were needed. It appeared again in a mild

form in 1937. Fortunately, it seems that the Leysians who caught it, recovered.

In 1947, following a case of anterior poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis), the boy concerned was moved to the Borough Isolation Hospital for observation. The swimming bath was subsequently closed, and the town was put out of bounds for the whole school for a period of eighteen days. Town was also put out of bounds for a week during a 'flu epidemic in 1965.

Until just recently, it had not been necessary for the school to take such drastic action on medical grounds. However, there have been numerous 'flu epidemics sometimes resulting in parts of a boarding house being used as a Medical Centre overflow; for example, North A at Pitlochry in 1943, East in 1957 and 1969, and School, Fen and West variously in the 1980s and 1990s. These measures stretched the resources of the Medical Centre staff to the breaking point, sometimes requiring support from Masters' wives, including the Headmaster's wife, as was the case in 1957. The boys loved the attention, and, according to one parent who



The Medical Centre (L) and the rear of Great Hall

wrote to thank the staff, the worst part was having to leave the San.

Another example of the involvement of senior staff was in 1945. Around one third of the boys were in the Sanatorium. Gargling for the whole school was instituted to combat the resulting plethora of sore throats and the Headmaster offered to give lessons to those unskilled in the art. In the 1980s, the Signals section of the CCF helped by setting up a field telephone linking the Fen House overflow to the Medical Centre.

The presence of pupils from overseas also requires medical staff to look out for diseases not normally seen in the UK. In 1975, a boy travelling from Nigeria was diagnosed with Lassa Fever and was admitted to the London Hospital for Tropical Diseases. He made a full recovery but with no means of protection against Lassa Fever and no known treatment, it would have been an anxious time for him and the School.

Now that a higher proportion of pupils live in or near Cambridge, epidemics are easier to manage as parents keep pupils at home if

Medical Centre Staff at the opening of the Gillard Day Room in 2003: Pam Sherman 2002–10; John Barrett, Headmaster 1990–2004; Maureen Williams 1984–2017; Gay Woolley (née Waller) 1979–84 and 2001–12; Mr Nicholas Hart, guest; Jean Hart, Medical Centre Assistant 1989–2009



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Edinburgh House, 3 Hooper Street (off Mill Road) used by The Leys as an isolation hospital prior to the purchase of 5 Brookside in 1919



Edinburgh house as it is today, renamed Jubilee House



Some of the current Medical Centre team: Sally Paterson (Medical Centre Assistant), Skyler Moulder (Lead Nurse), Anna Webb (School Nurse) and Lauren Roberts (School Nurse)

they are unwell. However, this is not possible for everyone and during the Covid-19 lockdowns, some pupils were required to remain in school. They were organised into a small number of mixed age, co-ed boarding units, designed to improve the lockdown experience and make efficient use of staff. These measures continued during school holidays, resulting in some overseas pupils being unable to leave the school or to see their families for a year!

The Medical Centre stayed open during lockdown and helped organise the vaccination of pupils and staff against Covid-19 and the 'flu. The School acted quickly to acquire a specialised SAMBA machine to test for Covid-19 at a time when it was difficult to book a PCR test; being able to test on-site meant results were available quickly and disruption could be minimised. Along with other mitigations, which include regular fumigation of the buildings, the number of Covid-19 cases have been kept to a minimum. Therefore, in a nutshell; 'twas ever thus – isolate and fumigate!

The entrance to Old West House in 1960 (now School House) just prior to its conversion to use as the Medical Centre. Painting by Robert Howard, West 1956–60



The lead nurse is no longer resident full-time, however, full cover is maintained by the seven nurses on a rota. Recent alterations to the building provide three single isolation rooms upstairs, a Covid testing area, overnight nurse accommodation and bathrooms. Downstairs remains much the same as when converted in 1989 but now includes a quiet room used for counselling and relaxation.

In almost a century, only three doctors have served as designated School Doctor (Dr Budd 1919–1964, Dr Craigen 1964–1987, Dr Stewart 1987–2017), although others in

the Trumpington Street Medical Practice have seen pupils as patients. These days, three GPs from the Trumpington Street Medical Practice each do a weekly morning surgery and so The Leys' long association with the practice endures.

Andy Erby
Old Leysian Society Vice President

If you have items which you think may be of interest to the Archivist, please email development@theleys.net and we will be happy to help.

OL Events 2022

All events listed below are subject to the ongoing pandemic and will be regularly reviewed in line with Government regulations. We will keep you updated by email and social media.

DATE AND TIME	VENUE	DETAILS
8 May 2022 OL Reunion	The Leys, Cambridge	Reunion for those who entered the School between 1980–86, and all those who joined those year groups at a later date. <i>Details of future reunions can be found on The Leys website.</i>
25 May 2022 OL Communion 12:45 pm	Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London, EC1Y 1AU	All OLs welcome.
1 September 2022 Cambridge Drinks	Sports Pavilion at The Leys, Cambridge	All OLs welcome. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time.
17 September 2022 OLS Annual Dinner	The Leys, Cambridge	All OLs welcome. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time.
11 November 2022 London Drinks 18:30–20:30	Chartered Accountants' Hall, 1 Moorgate Place, London EC2R 6EA	All OLs welcome. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time.

School Events

29 April The Leys End of Term Concert	Saffron Hall	Tickets available online at www.saffronhall.com
18–19 May Year 9 Play: The Musicians	Great Hall	Tickets available online at www.theleys.net/551/box-office
24–25 June Year 7/8 musical: Matilda Jr	Great Hall	Tickets available online at www.theleys.net/551/box-office

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The Secretary, Charlie Kidman
(North B/Fen 1963–68)

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We are also always on the look-out for good high-resolution photographs to include when featuring news of OLs or OL events. Please email them to us if you would like them to be included in a future issue.

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